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Mr. Mel Poole
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Dear Mr. Poole:

On June 17, 2002, Scott Bell of your staff accompanied me during an aerial survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Catoctin Mountain Park. Approximately 19 acres of moderate defoliation (31-60%) and 27 acres of heavy defoliation (61-100%) were detected at CMP. All 19 acres of the moderate defoliation and 25 acres of the heavy defoliation occurred within the gypsy moth treatment areas that were sprayed with the biological insecticide Gypchek. An additional 5 acres of moderate defoliation and 10 acres of heavy defoliation were detected on adjacent lands. The defoliation is depicted in Figure 1 along with the 2002 gypsy moth treatment areas.

We will be conducting egg mass surveys this fall at CMP. I will coordinate this activity with James Voight during late summer or fall.

Please contact me at (304) 285-1555 if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey.

Sincerely,

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Figure 1. -- Results of the gypsy moth defoliation survey conducted on June 17th, 2002, along with the 2002 gypsy moth treatment blocks at Catoctin Mountian Park.